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# A TRAGIC DAY



**HUNDREDS** of mourners gathered in West Oxfordshire on Tuesday to pay their respects to five soldiers killed in Afghanistan last month, four of whom were based at RAF Odiham.

Captain Tom Clarke, Corporal James Walters, Flight Lieutenant Rakesh Chauhan

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and Warrant Officer 2 Spencer Faulkner of RAF Odiham died after their helicopter came down on April 26.

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# Feedback sought for flight changes

**RESIDENTS** under flight paths from planes at Farnborough Airport and helicopters at RAF Odiham have until Monday to give their feedback on planned changes.

TAG Farnborough Airport plans to change how airspace over the town and east of Basingstoke is used from early next year.

A public consultation by the business aviation airport on flight path changes has been extended until Monday, May 12.

The consultation - which launched on February 3 - was due to end last Friday, but was extended because of problems with the website for six days in April.

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The changes mean RAF Odiham's two departure flight paths will change, and the number of planes flying over areas east of Basingstoke could alter.

The report states: "We estimate that, due to the design proposed in this part of the consultation, 345,000 fewer people would be over-flown by flight-paths at low altitudes, below 4,000ft.

"As a result of this proposal, some areas would experience new or more flights overhead, some fewer, and some would be unchanged."

Hook is over-flown one to three times a day by Farnborough flights.

The town currently sees 5,175 departure and 6,325 arrival air-plane flights over its skies.

The plans mean there would be no departure flights by 2019 but 8,800 arrival flights.

Because of the changes of airspace, there would be two changes to RAF Odiham's departure routes, which are used by Chinook helicopters - the loudest at the base.

The air-paths are named he CPT 27 Group route, and the HAZEL/SAM 09 route.

The CPT 27 Group route is used about 26 times a month.

The flight path for the route would move slightly west, closer

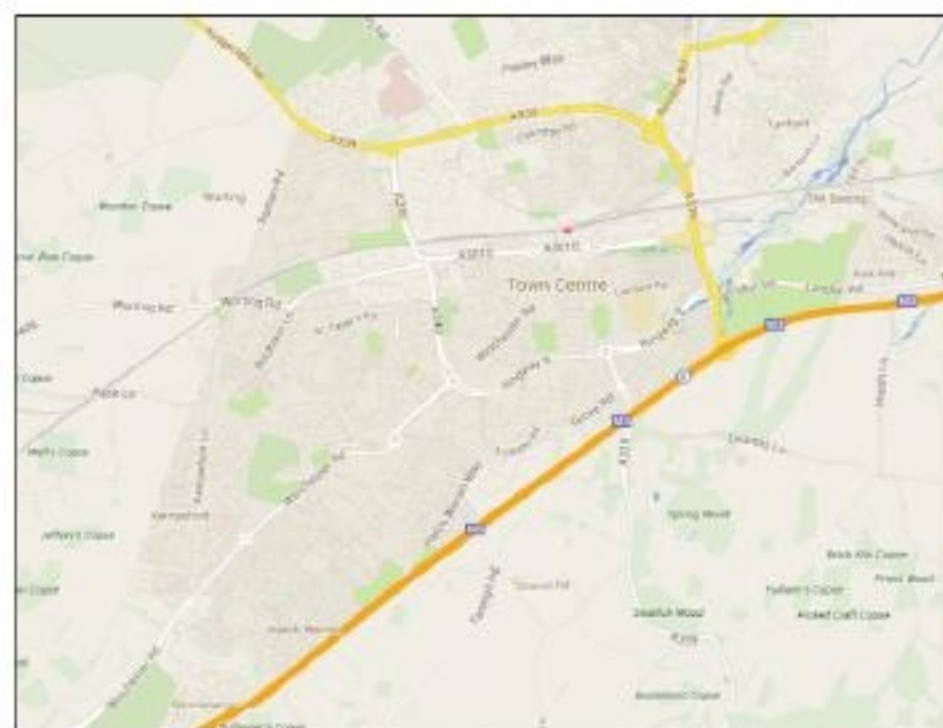
to Old Basing - rather than curving east towards Newnham.

The HAZEL/SAM 09 route - used about twice a month - currently goes north over Crookham Village near Fleet - but would instead fly south over Dippenhall towards Farnham.

The report states: "It is extremely unlikely that these subtle changes would be discernible to people on the ground beneath today's radar circuit pattern."

TAG Farnborough Airport plans to submit their Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) to the UK Civil Aviation Authority for permission later this year.

To see how a particular area could be affected, go to consultation.tagfarnborough.com.



## Basingstoke renamed 'Town Centre' by Google

**GOOGLE** has apologised after wiping Basingstoke off its maps.

The internet giant renamed Basingstoke as Town Centre on Google Maps last week.

While Hampshire's Chamber of Commerce Chris Quintana was reportedly unimpressed by the mistake, traders in the town took it as a good joke.

Phil Robins, owner of Longdog Brewery in West Ham Lane, said: "Wipe Basingstoke off the

map, why not? No - if anything, the town got more attention.

"I am assuming you would still find the right address if you put an address or postcode in so it doesn't bother me too much."

Google said it was fixing the problem, but has yet to solve it.

The name Town Centre had been taken off Google Maps but Basingstoke is yet to claim its proper title after being left nameless for some days.

## Parishes object over gypsy application

**A GYPSY** caravan site in Bishops Green should not be allowed to expand because its residents are not gypsies, a council has complained.

Meadowview Caravan site could be given permission to get bigger tonight despite objections from residents and councillors.

Ecchinswell, Sydminton and Bishops Green Parish Council opposed the application, stating: "The councillors believe

the applicant's children are not gypsies and have not followed a travelling lifestyle.

Planning officers at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council recommended the plans to be approved for two extra mobile homes and a new community building and car parking.

It would bring the site, on the southern edge of the village, to five mobile homes.

Their report states: "The appli-

cants are considered to meet the definition of a gypsy."

It added: "Whilst it is acknowledged that there would be some impact to the landscape character and scenic quality of the area through permitting this development, it is considered that there is an identified need within the borough for gypsy and traveller sites."

Councillors are set to make a final decision from 5.30pm at the council's offices.

## News Bites

### Hotel revamp is now complete

A £230,000 revamp of Basingstoke's Travelodge has been finished.

The 44-bed hotel in Winchester Road finished its five-week revamp on Tuesday.

New beds, mattresses, desks, decoration and a new bathroom were included in the revamp.

Manager at Basingstoke Travelodge Jon Nickson said: "We are delighted that our hotel has benefited from this investment. It has totally transformed the hotel."

### Ancestry lecture at Willis Museum

A FAMILY history expert will speak about the interesting people he has dealt with throughout his career at the Willis Museum.

The talk, by former chairman of Hampshire Genealogist Ken Smallbone, is on Thursday, May 15, from 7.30pm at the Market Place museum.

Named confessions of a professional genealogist, Mr Smallbone will speak about interesting finds to do with interesting commissions and clients.

It is being held by Friends of the Willis Museum and costs £2 for non-members. To book a place, call 01256 465902.

### Council meeting

THE next full meeting of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is due to take place on May 29.

Councillors will meet from 6.30pm until 9.30pm in the council chamber at the council's London Road offices.

An agenda is due to be published in the week before the meeting.

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# Soldiers honoured at repatriation service

## • From front page

Lance Corporal Oliver Thomas, based in London, was also killed in the accident.

Their bodies arrived at RAF Brize Norton on Tuesday afternoon, with a private service for family members at the base.

The five hearses then drove into Carterton, stopping at the town's Memorial Garden where families of the soldiers placed flowers onto the vehicles.

Royal British Legion Standard bearers lowered their flags as the families paid their respects, before mourners applauded the cortege as it made its way to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

Mayor of Carterton Lynn Little

said: "It's a very sad occasion, and we hope we won't get any more."

"It's such a tragic accident, the loss of five young men, but I'm very proud of the community and the amount of volunteers who looked after all these families, it's absolutely brilliant."

Henry Howard, town and district councillor in Carterton, said: "It's always a sad day, and I feel quite proud to come here and represent my constituents."

"Over the couple of years we've been doing repatriations in Carterton, the families have found it quite helpful to have the community behind them, and know they have support."

Members of the Royal British

Legion (RBL) Riders Branch also attended to pay their respects, as they do with every repatriation service.

RBL Rider Sharon Hill said: "This is my first one, but most of the members come every time."

"It was heartbreaking for the families, but the RBL likes to pay its respects for every soldier who comes home."

"I've got two serving soldiers myself in my family, and God forbid it ever happens to them, but I hope people would show them the same respect. That's why we come to show ours."

Defence Secretary Philip Hammond added: "These tragic deaths remind us of the continuing commitment and sacrifice of



• The memorial garden in Carterton

our soldiers, sailors and airmen serving in Afghanistan.

"The work they are doing is vital to Britain's national security and their sacrifice will not

be forgotten.

"This incident is now the subject of a thorough investigation to find out exactly what happened."

## News Bites

### Volunteer appeal

A DIABETES charity is calling for volunteers across Basingstoke to help support people with the condition.

They will become a health-care engagement volunteer and work with doctors, nurses and patients.

The closing date for applications is May 16 and interviews will be on May 30.

An induction day for successful volunteers will take place on June 11.

For further information or to apply, then email Jill Steaton at [south.east@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:south.east@diabetes.org.uk).

### Open morning

A DEMENTIA support centre in Odiham is hosting an open morning to raise awareness of the condition.

Volunteers and carers will be on hand to explain what it is like to live with dementia at Rosefield Day Centre in Odiham Cottage Hospital on Wednesday, May 21.

The event by charity Age Concern is being held during Dementia Awareness Week from May 18 to 24.

Visitors can also tour the centre.

### Festival base

A POP-UP shop in Festival Place shopping centre will become a Basingstoke base for Hampshire's Food Festival.

Local food producers will set up shop in the unit to meet and talk to customers from June 30 until August 3.

The shop will run as part of Hampshire Food Festival held throughout July.

# Closer treatment for patients with new unit

CANCER patients will not have to travel to Southampton or Guildford for treatment after a new hospital unit opens on Tuesday.

The state-of-the-art radiotherapy unit at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, Aldermaston Road, is being opened by TV personality Clare Balding OBE from 6.30pm.

The unit has new Linac machines for radiotherapy on cancer patients and a CT scanner, which takes x-rays

to show where tumours are.

For patients with cancer, a six week treatment programme of radiotherapy can mean having to visit hospital 15 times for breast cancer or as many as 37 times for prostate cancer.

The new unit means they will not have to travel more than 60 miles to Southampton or Guildford and back.

The unit is phase one of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's

plans to give cancer treatment and support under one roof in a state-of-the-art treatment centre.

Clare Balding, 43, who was from Kingsclere, will open the building with the Mayors of Basingstoke and the Test valley.

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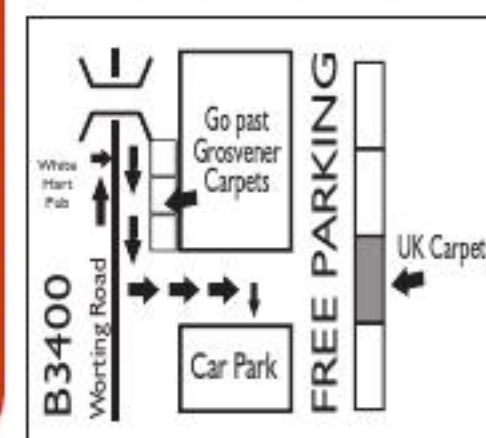


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# Housing development opposed by residents

PLANS to build 48 new homes on land in Hook have sparked objections from residents.

So far 14 residents have opposed proposals to build 48 two and three storey houses on land off Hop Garden Road, east of the town.

They argue the extra traffic would make roads noisy and unsafe, and facilities cannot cope.

An outline planning application was submitted last month by developers Charles Church Southern to Hart District Council.

The 1.76ha of land at Owens Farm would have 19 affordable homes and a children's play area.

Of 18 comments, 14 residents objected, three were neutral and one supported the plans.

Newnham Road resident Wendie Tyler stated: "I am against this as I feel very concerned about the increased traffic along the Newnham and London Roads."

"Also, it is bound to have an effect on the schools and doctors surgeries, which are already full to bursting point."

Butts Meadow resident Piers Wilson said he would object to the plan unless a second access road to the development was included in the plans to be built west of the development as well

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as off Hop Garden Road.

He wrote: "Although 48 houses is not a colossal number, the traffic I think will be a bit of a problem."

A planning application of 550 homes north-east of the town has also been submitted.

Plans for 60 and 70 homes on land at High Ridge Farm, Newnham Road, Hook and on land next to Reading Road in Hook were approved in February.

Hop Garden Road resident Brian Blanchard called the development "totally inappropriate".

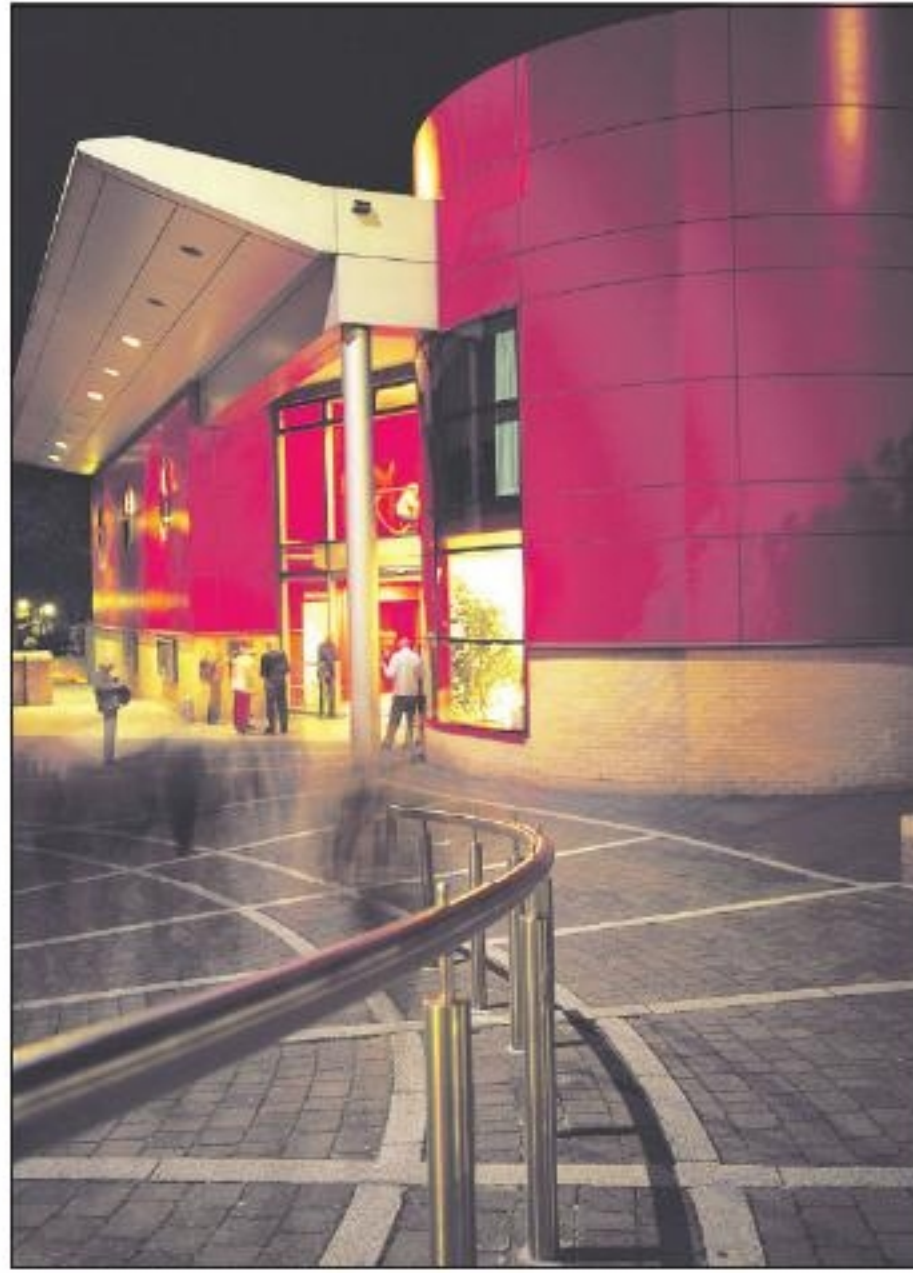
He stated: "This proposed development is just another in the string of applications set to ruin the character and environment of a small Hampshire village."

But Hop Garden Road resident Cathy Lloyd supported the plans.

She said: "I would be happy for new homes as long as as they are decent sized family dwellings and care is taken towards the wildlife."

The online consultation runs until May 19. A target decision date by council officers is set for June 11.

## Arts centre celebrates securing its future



THE future of Basingstoke's concert hall and arts centre has been secured after bosses signed a 20-year deal on The Anvil.

The deal for the building, in Churchill Way, was announced on Thursday as The Anvil marks its 20th birthday this month.

Educational charity The Anvil Trust, which manages the centre via Anvil Arts, signed a 20-year lease with owners Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council.

The centre opened in May 1994.

Chairman of The Anvil Trust Andrew Finney said: "We are delighted to have signed this new lease on The Anvil."

"It's hard to believe that The Anvil is twenty years old already - it doesn't look it."

"We look forward to working in partnership with the borough council to deliver another twenty years of service to the people of Basingstoke, Hampshire and beyond."

The Anvil is planning celebrations for its 21st birthday next year rather than marking the 20th this month.

Anvil Arts also runs The Haymarket Theatre in Wote Street, and The Forge theatre in Churchill Way.

## News Bites

### Project success

RESIDENTS saved about £200 each signing up to a scheme to switch energy suppliers, Hampshire County Council claim.

More than 3,000 people signed up to the Switch Hampshire project between December 2013 and February 2014.

A total of 1,055 residents then switched companies - saving an average of £200 each.

### £2,000 for charity

A SHOP in Basingstoke raised more than £2,000 for a children's charity in the last year.

Matalan, in Chineham Retail Park, raised £2,176 for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children since April 2013.

Staff took part in fancy dress days and challenges to raise the funds.

### Flooding heroes

HUNDREDS of staff who helped residents during flooding have been thanked.

Firefighters, soldiers, council workers, emergency planners, social care staff and highways workers across Hampshire were invited to a reception last week at The Great Hall in Winchester.

Leader of Hampshire County Council Roy Perry said: "The extreme weather this winter posed some tough challenges in Hampshire. It is a year we will not forget; not just for the flooding but for the lessons learned and accomplishments made, during such a challenging time."

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## Police make arrests after drugs bust

TWO teenagers from London have been arrested in Basingstoke on suspicion of being involved with supplying Class A drugs.

Police seized a stash of suspected Class A drugs from an address in Bennet Close during a search issued by a warrant last week.

An 18-year-old from London was arrested on Tuesday, April 29.

A 19-year-old from London was also arrested the same day after being stopped by police officers in Norn Hill.

Police only released details of the arrests on Thursday, May 1.

The men have been bailed until July 16.

The arrests were part of Hampshire Constabulary's campaign called Operation Fortress, to target illegal drug supply in Basingstoke.

Police patrols in the Norden area of the town were stepped up as part of the operation.

Officers are calling for anyone concerned about illegal drugs or drug-related crime to contact them.

They are asking neighbours to look out for a sudden jump in the number of visitors to a house or flat, short meetings between groups of people, people leaving a house or flat many times and coming back shortly after, people hanging around an area a lot and using their mobile phones, and new or hire cars parked outside a house or flat which wouldn't usually be there.

# Signs of support for wind turbines

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**MORE than 2,000 people have written in support of a planned wind farm west of Basingstoke, it has been claimed.**

Hampshire Renewable Energy Co-operative (HREC), based off Basing View, Basingstoke, counted up 2,000 signatures of support to councils last week.

Planning permission for a 14-turbine wind farm was submitted by EDG Energy Renewables to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Test Valley Borough Council, and Winchester City Council in April last year.

Four of the turbines at Bullington Cross Wind Farm in Sutton Scotney cross into Basingstoke and Deane land.

They would stand 126.5m high and last for 25 years.

A decision is due to be made next month.

HREC director Martin Heath said: "This is an excellent effort. It's great to see such high levels of continued and sustained support for the proposed Bullington Cross Wind Farm and we're seeing more supporters joining every day."

HREC plans to own 10 per cent of the 14 turbines under a com-



• An example of one of the 14 wind turbines which could be built west of Basingstoke

munity ownership scheme.

Over the past few months, teams of HREC volunteers have visited Basingstoke, Winchester and Andover to speak to residents about the plans.

The plans state that the wind farm could replace 26,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year – the equivalent to greening the elec-

tricity supply of 13,000 homes or the yearly emissions of 9,000 cars.

A total of 2,468 comments have been submitted as part of Basingstoke and Deane's planning consultation.

HREC volunteers will be at The South Downs Green Fair on Sunday, May 11, and at the

Highclere Game and Country Fair on May 25 and 26.

Mr Heath added: "We're continuing our campaign efforts over the next six weeks as it's imperative for the future of community owned renewable energy in Hampshire that the public have the opportunity to voice their opinions."

## News Bites

### Vote for heroes

RESIDENTS are being urged to vote for Basingstoke's unsung heroes.

The town's annual Place To Be Proud Of Awards are to be held on June 4.

A public online vote will decide the winner of the Unsung Hero awards out of the three finalists.

To vote, go to [festivalplace.co.uk](http://festivalplace.co.uk).

### Bat expert visit

PRIMARY school pupils were taught how to spot and care for bats by an expert from the Atomic Weapons Establishment.

The 50 year one and two pupils from Ashford Hill Primary School, near Tadley, were shown two dead bats as part of the visit from Jo Lucas on Thursday. Ms Lucas works for AWE to help build carefully where bats may be living.

Six-year-old Megan Spooner said: "I have really enjoyed the talk and I especially liked seeing the little pipistrelle bat it was a lot smaller than I thought."

AWE, based in Aldermaston, secures the UK against nuclear attack.

### Charity project

VOLUNTEERS who have visited hundreds of lonely elderly residents in Basingstoke are celebrating a year since the project launched.

The food and friendship project, which offers regular visits and company to the town's elderly residents from Age Concern Hampshire volunteers, started up in Basingstoke one year ago.

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## Recycling push

A COMPETITION has been launched for Basingstoke schools to get children recycling.

The winning school will get £300 to spend on environmental projects.

The competition, by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, challenges pupils to a series of tasks over the course of a week. Schools can take part until June 8.

For more information, email Chelsey Phillips at [chelsey.phillips@hart.gov.uk](mailto:chelsey.phillips@hart.gov.uk).

## Art on display

ARTISTS across Basingstoke have launched an exhibition of 100 pieces of work in Basingstoke's Festival Place shopping centre.

The free pop-up art exhibition, which opened opposite the sports centre on Saturday, runs for the next six weeks from Fridays to Mondays.

Fine art and street art are among the pieces.

## In it to win it

ST MICHAEL'S Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from May 2.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 95169 of Basingstoke, while ticket 57736 of Alton claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 70287, and Basingstoke ticket 80022 gets fourth prize of £20.

Sixteen prizes of £5 go to tickets 01460, 04320, 07612, 21228, 25105, 32034, 32889, 34453, 40391, 45108, 50392, 59278, 60326, 65573, 71925 and 80881.



• Shea (right) left this bungalow in Grayshott without a roof when he disappeared with the owner's money



# Conman sent down for years

A COWBOY builder who conned homeowners out of millions of pounds across Hampshire and Surrey has been jailed for more than five years.

Danny Shea, of Royal Drive, Bordon in Hampshire, was sentenced to five-and-a-half years behind bars at Winchester Crown Court on Thursday, May 1.

The 48-year-old builder made £2.1million by charging residents for building and renovation work to their homes - before disappearing half-way through.

One house, in Grayshott, was left as a shell without a roof.

The cost of fixing the work often left homeowners with a bill of hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Shea initially pleaded not guilty

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to the nine charges of fraud and one of fraudulent trading - but changed his plea to guilty earlier this year.

The South East Regional Organised Crime Unit found he made £2.1 million during their three-year investigation.

Detective Sergeant Ian Ball said: "For three years Shea systematically defrauded customers who engaged him to carry out building work. He claimed to be going to carry out work to a proper standard and finish the respective jobs. In fact he had no intention of doing either. After an

original down payment he would obtain further money again with no intention of doing the work properly or sometimes at all.

"He would provide an initial quote, followed by a request for money up front for labour and materials. He would provide references from customers satisfied with early work on their projects and suggested extra work which could be carried out.

"Further requests for payment would be made but work would slow and stop. There would be re-negotiation but by then the victims were sucked in and just wanted to have the work finished so would agree to the new demands and even pay suppliers direct for materials. Shea would meanwhile make token

efforts at work just to keep them on the hook. Then he would disappear, leaving unfinished and sub-standard work. The cost of remedial work sometimes ran into hundreds of thousands of pounds."

The nine fraud charges related to offences in Farnborough, Bordon and Grayshott in Hampshire, and Thursley, Chiddingfold, Tadworth, and Chertsey in Surrey between 2007 and 2010.

Shea also pleaded guilty to a tenth offence of fraudulent trading relating to theft of plant and construction machinery and motor vehicles, which were illegally sold.

Officers are still trying to trace equipment valued at more than £121,000.

## Disasters averted in fire strike

RESIDENTS across Basingstoke have been thanked for heeding safety warnings during firefighter strikes last weekend.

Strike action by Hampshire firefighters of the Fire Brigades Union took place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Fire engines were crewed by part-time retained fire fighters and staff not usually based in fire stations.

Over the weekend Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service was working at 40 per cent of its usual response capacity but kept up its target 20-minute response time to 999 calls.

The public was asked to take extra care over the weekend.

Assistant chief officer Neil Odin said: "We'd like to thank our communities for their help in allowing us to focus our resources where they were most needed during the strike periods."

"Maintaining our service to Hampshire during industrial action periods is more difficult and so the public's help in cutting down on avoidable emergencies has been vital."

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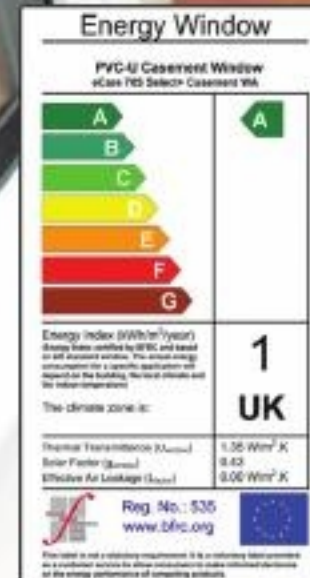
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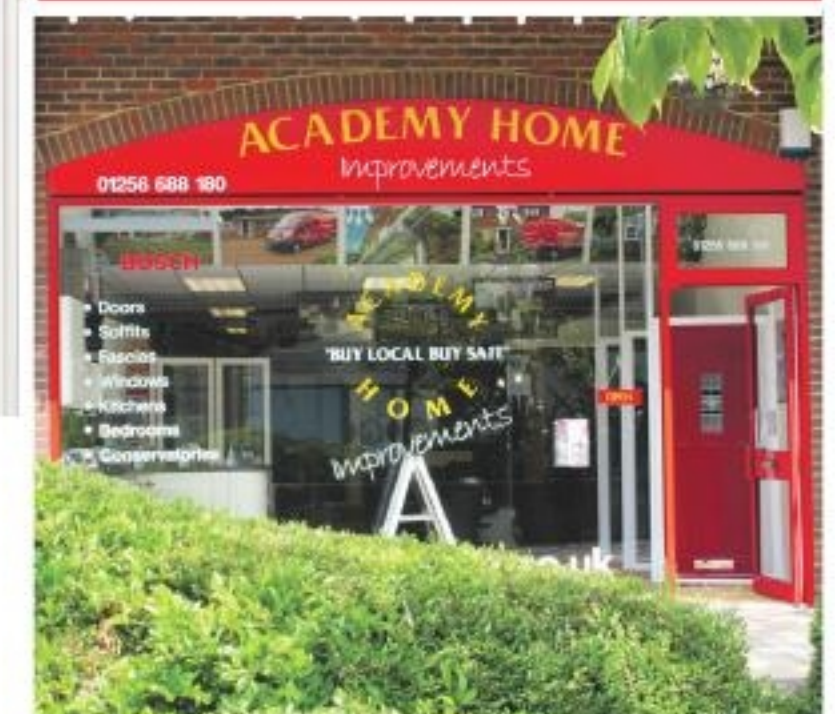
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# 'It's nice to have a job'

A CHARITY is celebrating helping eight people in Basingstoke into work.

Skills charity Shaw Trust Enterprises runs three gardening teams in the town which support residents who have been struggling to find jobs.

Since August, five people have got jobs and three more are to be employed in the next few weeks.

Former IT expert Nick Hammond was unemployed for four years from 2010 until January this year after suffering from depression.

The 40-year-old, from Viables in Basingstoke, said he now plans to start his own gardening business.

Mr Hammond said: "It is really nice to have the chance to do a proper job and get working again."

"I'm more confident generally for it and I've learnt a lot."

"I've picked up a lot of things I wouldn't have known otherwise and I'm hoping to be a self-employed gardener."

"I was having a tough time but it is nice to be out in the fresh air, it's great exercise."

"And when you are actually working it makes everything a lot more worthwhile."

The three teams in Basingstoke, based at Elizabeth Road and South Ham, work at the town's schools, hospitals, council buildings, businesses and households.

Mr Hammond was referred to

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the charity by Job Centre Plus and finished a 12-week training course in January gaining a Level 1 City & Guilds Practical Horticultural Skills certification.

He then signed a job contract with Shaw Trust until July - when he hopes to start working self-employed.

Shaw Trust project and enterprise manager Shelley Southon said: "Shaw Trust Enterprises - Hampshire is a very exciting venture for us. We are maintaining the gardens of residents who need our assistance and we are able to offer training, work experience and employment opportunities to unemployed local people."

The trust is a national charity that helps disadvantaged people into work.



## News Bites

### Record attempt

CHILDREN and parents across Basingstoke are being urged to join in a teddy bear's picnic world record attempt.

The event, on July 9, would see nurseries, mum and toddler groups, schools and families hold their own teddy bear picnics to raise money for charity.

Donations of £1 each would go to organisers, bibic, which helps children with conditions like autism, Asperger's, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, and brain injuries.

Geoff Cummins, bibic's chief executive, said: "We're not aware from our research of a similar event being held so we may well be setting a record for the most number of teddies all over the UK picnicking at the same time."

For more information or to sign up go to [bibic.org.uk](http://bibic.org.uk).

### Toilets set for closure in June

PUBLIC toilets in Basingstoke are to be shut next month.

From June 27 the two Anchor Yard public toilets in New Road will be closed, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council said last week.

The nearest alternatives are at Caston's Yarn.

The plans were raised last year to save money.

### No disruption on Bank Holiday

BIN collections across Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council over the bank holiday weekend ran as normal.

There was no change in the service despite Monday's bank holiday.

## Crew carry out blood transfusion after crash

HAMPSHIRE'S emergency air ambulance crew carried out their first blood transfusion since the helicopter started carrying blood on board.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance treated a patient after a car crash in the New Forest on April 17.

The incident was the first time paramedics at the charity used blood, which the helicopter started carrying in early April.

The patient was then taken to University Hospital Southampton.

Major trauma anaesthetist at the hospital Liz Shewry said: "Having blood on board takes us a step further towards bringing the hospital to

the patient in the first crucial minutes after serious injury."

The technology to keep the blood on board at the right temperature was first used by the British military in Afghanistan.

The hospital supplies the blood.

Volunteers from emergency blood transport team SERV Wessex will then transfer blood from University Hospital Southampton to the air ambulance at their Thruxton base every 48 hours.

Air ambulance chief executive John Perry said: "We are extremely grateful to SERV Wessex for giving up their time to help make this new development possible and for their commitment."



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# Show and tell

IT'S not only ideas for planting your own garden that blossom when you visit garden shows - it's ideas about the accessories, tools and trinkets you see along the way, too.

The main horticultural event of the year, the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, is no exception. Once again this year, on Tuesday May 20, they will be announcing their Chelsea Garden Product of the Year, showcasing the must-have new products for gardeners, covering everything from crop protection to environmentally friendly furniture.

Launched in 2011 to recognise the best new garden products on the market, the event is judged by an expert panel of garden journalists, industry buyers and business entrepreneurs, taking into account innovation, visual appeal, functionality, quality, value for money and environmental sustainability.

From a sneak peek at the 17 shortlisted products, here are some of the most practical and affordable contenders.

If you have a problem protecting tender crops against insects including flea beetle, look out for Tendamesh (£9.99 for 4m x 2.1m, [www.agralan.co.uk](http://www.agralan.co.uk)), a lightweight mesh which does the job brilliantly.

Avoid back-breaking bulb planting with Burgon & Balls's Stainless Long Handled Bulb Planter (RRP £29.95, [www.burgonandball.com](http://www.burgonandball.com)), which slices through soil with ease thanks to its sharp, angled blade. It has a stainless steel head for effective rust resistance with an FSC certified ash handle for comfort and long life.

For stylish outdoor living, Gaze Burvill craftsmen have created a superbly comfortable outdoor bar stool from sustainably forested oak, with curve and contour shaping giving unrivalled ergonomic performance, and an elegant, light, modern look. The A La Carte bar stool is priced £720, available from [www.gazeburvill.com](http://www.gazeburvill.com).

Harrod Horticultural is shortlisted for its new Stormproof Vegetable Cage, which features ingenious new 'Frame Saver Clips' to save frameworks from hurricanes and snow while keeping plants protected. They also allow exceptionally easy plant access. Kits from £49, [www.harrodhorticultural.com](http://www.harrodhorticultural.com).

After all the rain we had this winter, some gardeners might have wondered if they'd ever need to use a hosepipe again. But if you do, the new Pico Reel, a pint-sized version from Hozelock (RRP £29.99, [www.hozelock.com](http://www.hozelock.com)), is just the job for watering small garden spaces. Compact, lightweight and easy to rewind, it can be manoeuvred with ease and comes ready to use with fittings and spray gun.

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**Burgon & Balls's Stainless Long Handled Bulb Planter, £29.95, [www.burgonandball.com](http://www.burgonandball.com). PA Photo/Handout.**

If you don't want to damage your outdoor walls, Plant Prop may be the answer. It is great for holding plants against a wall without the need for nails, screws or any other accessories and is particularly useful in courtyard or small gardens. £10 for a pack of three, [www.plantsupports.co.uk](http://www.plantsupports.co.uk).

Gentle lighting is achieved with the Napoli Solar Garden Light (£24.99, [www.solartechnology.co.uk](http://www.solartechnology.co.uk)), whose lithium-ion battery is charged from an internal solar panel to give an impressive 2.4m downward light pool, plus an upward soft accent.

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The RHS Chelsea Flower Show, sponsored by M&G Investments, runs from May 20-24 in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. For details go to [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)



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It starts at 8pm, and more details can be found at [anvilarts.org.uk](http://anvilarts.org.uk).

Alternatively, call the box office on 01256 844244.

## Zoe comes to the Phoenix

BORDON'S Phoenix Comedy Club hosts its monthly comedy evening tonight, with a line-up featuring Zoe Lyons, Pete Cain and Larry Dean.

Former 'Survivor' contestant Zoe is gaining a growing following on the stand-up comedy circuit, while Pete and Larry have both performed at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Tickets cost £9.50 for an 8pm start, and further information can be found at [phoenixarts.co.uk](http://phoenixarts.co.uk), or by calling 01420 472664.

# 'The best from Strictly'



**STRICTLY** Come Dancing stars Katya Virshilis and Pasha Kovalev stage a spectacular new live show at The Anvil next Thursday.

The Churchill Way venue will see Katya and Pasha joined by four guest dancers, for an evening of stunning routines before being followed by a question and answers session.

Pasha and Katya have been performing together in live theatre shows for the past two years, having appeared twice before in Basingstoke.

"It's very exciting as it's a brand new show, a best of Strictly kaleidoscope of dance if you will," said Katya.

"We've taken the best from Strictly throughout the 10 seasons and put everything into a two-hour spectacular show.

"There's an amazing cast of dancers, as well as our host Mike Newman, so it will be a pretty fun-filled evening."

Katya first appeared on Strictly in 2009 when she partnered cricketer Phil Tufnell, making it to the ninth week of the competition.

She went on to dance with rugby player Gavin Henson and television presenter Dan Lobb in future series, before it was announced she was leaving the show in 2012.

"It was an amazing and cushy job," said Katya. "But it was nice to give way to younger dancers who were wanting

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to gain experience, and I wanted to pursue my own career.

"Since then I did choreography for So You Think You Can Dance for two seasons with my husband (Klaus Kongsdal), and now I'm back auditioning, acting and writing a screenplay, as well as enjoying married life.

"We've done two shows in Basingstoke before, and it's been great, always a nice crowd and a lovely little place."

The show starts at 7.45pm.

## Sean Webster

GUITAR vocalist Sean Webster returns to the Basingstoke Blues Club on Saturday, alongside his band members Phil Wilson, Ash Wilson and Roger Inniss.

The club is also hosting its regular jam session tomorrow evening, giving blues musicians of all abilities the chance to perform in front of a live audience.

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# Festival acts confirmed

THE full line-up for this summer's Basingstoke Live concert has been announced, with more than 100 different acts confirmed to perform at the two day event.

This is the eighth year that the annual free music event is taking place in the town, to be held on the weekend

By Adam Flinn

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and visitors the chance to enjoy a mix of music genres, including rock, reggae, indie and drum 'n' bass.

It marks the finale of the 2014 Basingstoke Festival, and aims to showcase local and talent alongside national and international performers.

Acoustic performer Emma Law-

rence takes to the main stage on the Saturday, alongside returning Basingstoke band Treasures and hip hop headliners Krept and Konan.

Sunday's visitors will be treated to '70s favourites The Real Thing, as well as soul star Natasha Watts and 'future pop' three-piece group Redtails.

Dozens of other solo artists and bands will be performing across the weekend as well, including metal group Devil Sold His Soul, turntablist Mighty Atom, and funk and soul from Groove Republic.

This year's event is funded by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, and will feature five stages to ensure there is something to appeal to everyone.

Cllr Cathy Osselton, cabinet member for partnerships, said: "Basingstoke Live is now in its eighth year and offers something for all ages and musical tastes."

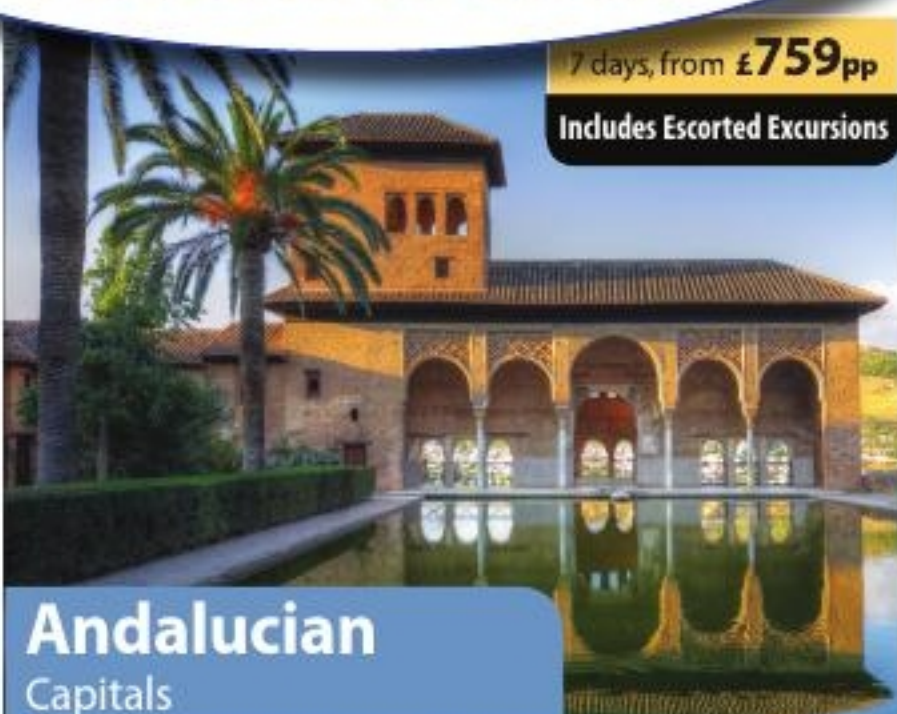
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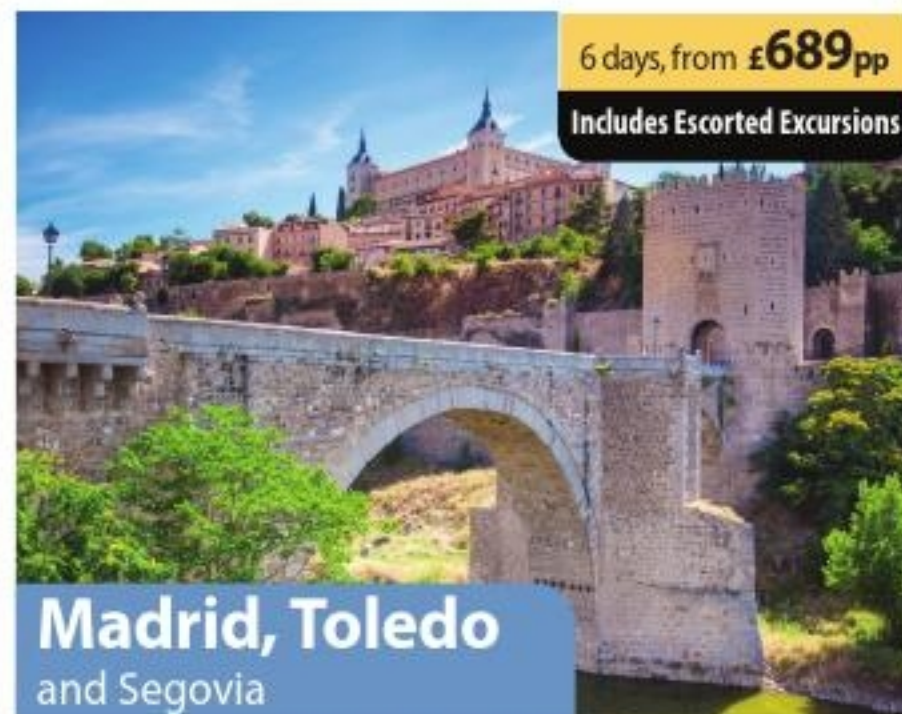
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Tickets start from £20, and booking details can be found at [anvilarts.org.uk](http://anvilarts.org.uk).

## Jesus in town

ANDREW Lloyd Webber's legendary rock musical Jesus Christ Superstar is staged at The Haymarket, on Wote Street, from Tuesday.

It follows the story of Christ's last seven days, as seen through the eyes of Judas.

For a full list of show times, go to [anvilarts.org.uk](http://anvilarts.org.uk) or call 01256 844244.

## All about books

BIG Book Tall Tales, a children's theatre production about a caretaker who loves books, will be staged at Central Studio on Saturday morning.

While cleaning, the caretaker finds a six foot tall book where all the words have washed away, so he starts to think of a story.

It starts at 11am.

# Sharing the Limelight

By Jaqui Ball

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**YOUNGSTERS** from BAOS (Basingstoke Amateur Operatic Society) Limelight staged their production of Fame Jr at the Everest Community College on April 26, performed with their customary verve.

The show followed the fortunes of pupils at New York's School of the Performing Arts.

The high standard was maintained from the opening song 'Pray, pray, pray' right through to the touching finale 'Bring On Tomorrow', as the students

celebrated the Graduation Day.

On the way a mix of solos, duets and foot-tapping song and dance routines which had the audiences at the Everest Community College cheering.

Connor McGrane and Hazel Baldwin gave a sensitive portrayal of teenage romance. Their voices blended well

while Hazel's haunting solo "Let's Play a Love Scene" was a highlight.

Sean Granahan's depiction of Schlomo, the lad with much to live up to, was under-stated and believable, an excellent foil for Amy Knowles' mercurial Carmen – memorably displayed in her lead vocals in the show-stopping title song.

The most unlikely relationship is between bad boy Tyrone Jackson (played with lots of attitude by Jack Baldwin) and straight A student Iris

Kelly (Rebecca St Vincent).

Their ballet duet, choreographed by dance captain Zoe Blackall, was an unexpected contrast to the show's big dance routines. Zoe also shone in her duets with promising newcomer Lydia Moynihan.

Alyssia Kershaw, as Mabel Washington, wowed the audience with fabulous soul singing and a sure touch for humour.

Meanwhile, Lucy Killick played it straight with an excellent portrayal of Miss Sherman, the English teacher who diagnoses Tyrone's dyslexia, working with him to tackle his demons.

In just two years, the Limelighters have made outstanding progress, especially in the strength of their harmonies, the thoughtfulness of their acting and the exciting quality of their dance routines. Congratulations to director Adam Bayjou, assistant director Caroline Price, musical director Simon Eastwood and choreographer Ashleigh Bayjou for bringing out the best of their youthful cast.

The Limelighters' next production is Grease, a fresh challenge. On the strength of their performances in Fame Jr, it seems safe to say they will pull it off triumphantly.

• BAOS Limelight performers staged Fame Jr last month



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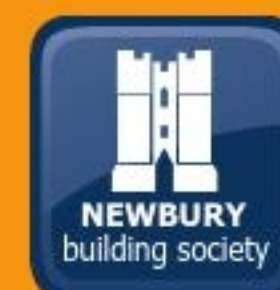
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8 May 2014, 8pm

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01256 844244 [www.anvilarts.org.uk](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk)

8 May 2014, 7:45pm

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10 May 2014 - 17 May 2014, 7pm - 10pm

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[www.tadleyyouthdrama.org.uk/](http://www.tadleyyouthdrama.org.uk/)  
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10 May 2014, 1:30pm - 4pm  
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10 May 2014, 11am  
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10 May 2014, 7:30pm  
Central Studio, Queen Mary's College

## **DAVID COPPERFIELD**

£12 full | £10 concessions | £8 students & children  
Hotbuckle Productions are bringing their distinctive style to this beloved story of Dickens' favourite child, David Copperfield, where they capture the haunting beauty of the Yarmouth Coast and bustling Victorian London, the humour and wit, violence and beauty of Dickens' great novel.  
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10 May 2014, 8pm

The Forge  
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14 May 2014,

## **Princes Hall Aldershot**

### **OMID DJALILI LIVE**

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16 May 2014, 7:30pm

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### **NIGEL OGDEN**

from the BBC Radio 2 program The Organist Entertains

16 May 2014, 7:30pm

## **Queen Mary's Hall, QMC**

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[www.centralstudio.co.uk](http://www.centralstudio.co.uk)

17 May 2014, 8pm

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17 May 2014, 10am - 4pm

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[www.basingstokemasons.co.uk](http://www.basingstokemasons.co.uk)

23 May 2014, 7pm - 12:30am

## **Red Lion Hotel, Basingstoke**

### **BLACK TIE CHARITY AUCTION**

Black tie charity auction raising money for the national autistic society, 3 course dinner, wine and disco. Items for auction range from sports memorabilia to local spa days, tickets are available at £25pp. 3run are the special guests running the auction.  
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23 May 2014,

## **Farnham Maltings**

### **THE RUTLES**

[www.farnhammaltings.com](http://www.farnhammaltings.com)

23 May 2014, 7pm - 12am

## **Red Lion Hotel Basingstoke**

### **BLACK TIE CHARITY AUCTION**

Charity auction in aid of the National autistic society, special guest are 3run and Luke UPTON. Ticket prices £25 over 16 only, Price inc 3 course meal, auction, dining by Luke UPTON and disco.  
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6 Jun 2014, 7:30pm

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7 Jun 2014, 8pm

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12 Jun 2014 - 14 Jun 2014,

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Saturday 31st May

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Tuesday 3rd June

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Thursday 5th June

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Sunday 15th June

### Swansea and the 21st Festival of Transport on Father's Day

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Saturday 28th June

### Sanders Garden World & Burnham-on-Sea

Route 'A' - Adult & OAP £20.00 - Child £13.50

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Saturday 12th July

### Aylesbury and The Vale, The Dunstable Downs and The Great Train Robbery **£ PRICE BUSTER**

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Sunday 27th July

### Bognor or Butlins **£ PRICE BUSTER**

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Tuesday 29th July

### Cutty Sark and Greenwich Park

### **£ PRICE BUSTER**

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Thursday 31st July

### Oxford or Blenheim Palace **£ PRICE BUSTER**

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## August

Saturday 2nd August

### The Kentish Klipper - Sevenoaks and Royal Tunbridge Wells

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Tuesday 5th August

### Gosport Market & Lee-on-the-Solent

### **£ PRICE BUSTER**

Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Thursday 7th August

### Mystery Seaside Excursion **£ PRICE BUSTER**

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Tuesday 12th August

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Thursday 14th August

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Saturday 16th August

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Sunday 31st August

### Bournemouth including Air Show

### **£ PRICE BUSTER**

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Saturday 13th September

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Saturday 27th September

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Saturday 11th October

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Saturday 25th October

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Saturday 8th November

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Saturday 6th December

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### Two speed crossword

#### Quick Clues Across

- 1 Permanent inhabitant (8)
- 4 Mark (4)
- 8 Small gate (6)
- 10 Large fish (6)
- 11 Finds fault (5)
- 12 Stick (5)
- 14 Home of Jewish nation (6)
- 17 Unsafe (9)
- 18 Shaping anew (9)
- 22 Old sailor (3-3)
- 23 Retract (5)
- 24 Royal (5)
- 26 Indian money (6)
- 27 Bigger (6)
- 28 Finishes (4)
- 29 Without thought (8)

#### Quick Clues Down

- 1 Ready for harvest (4)
- 2 Extend (6)
- 3 Church official (6)
- 5 South American plains (6)
- 6 Without melody (8)
- 7 Lariat (5)
- 9 Tongues (9)
- 10 Of the soul (9)
- 13 Measured (5)
- 15 Devastates (5)
- 16 Keep (8)
- 18 Grated (6)
- 19 Centres (5)
- 20 Decorated with insets (6)
- 21 Mouthwash (6)
- 25 Branches of learning (4)

#### Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Put up a fight but the rest dies out (8)
- 4 Said to be drunk at the funeral (4)
- 8 I'd made out a crown (6)
- 10 It could be nice to take Mother to the movies (6)
- 11 Being simple, I'm taken in by the boy (5)
- 12 Breaks more than one 2 down (5)
- 14 Retiring man gets round his friend with an explosive result (6)
- 17 The issue that puts me back before a race (9)
- 18 Vowing that as a professional, I'm coming back to sing (9)
- 22 Six may be true to chastity (6)
- 23 There's a lot at variance in the final count (5)
- 24 Found trustworthy by the jury? (5)
- 26 Cowboy's limits? (6)
- 27 Revolutionary's up and about the tavern for a meal (6)
- 28 One's never so flat (4)
- 29 Left for the Sahara? (8)

#### Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Sounds as if he regretted being impolite (4)
- 2 Personification of the beginning of Utopia in the state (6)
- 3 Said he was to see Esther has an afternoon rest? (6)
- 5 In play he cometh - out of 10 across? (6)
- 6 Venus getting ready to fight again? (8)
- 7 Desert where sin is first class (5)
- 9 Minor mess produces wrong names (9)
- 10 See the trial, Edward? It's disputed (9)
- 13 Fashionable pain (5)
- 15 The aim of the decimal system (5)
- 16 Scan poetry? Quite the opposite (8)
- 18 The value of absorbing a new start for the sovereign? (6)
- 19 The wrong route to find some space (5)
- 20 Chemical element that is surrounding the Norse god (6)
- 21 Made of argent, not necessarily set in silver (6)
- 25 Poke with a soft stick (4)

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### Scribble space

### Last week's solutions

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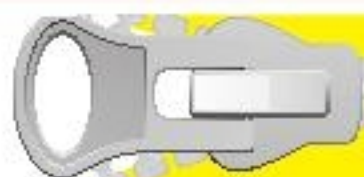
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9	5	8	7	2	6	3	1	4
1	3	6	9	4	5	8	7	2

#### Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Permit 8 Carrier 9 Agenda 10 Persecute  
11 Stop 13 Steed 14 Ulsters 16 Lecture 18 Ember  
19 Ones 21 Consulate 22 Diadem 23 Lignite 24 Nestle  
Down: 1 Gazetteer 2 Prospects 3 Leech 5 Edge  
6 Minute 7 Tramps 9 Atoll 11 Stimulant 12 Orientate  
15 Broom 16 London 17 Cedars 20 Astir 21 Cell

#### Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Depart 8 Pompous 9 Mental 10 Street-car 11 Been  
13 Angle 14 Millers 16 Peanuts 18 Acids 19 Edit 21 Shellback  
22 Dainty 23 Spirits 24 Egging  
Down: 1 Portended 2 Appellant 3 Suits 5 Ever 6 Attilee  
7 Talons 9 Maniac 11 Blackbird 12 Eradicate 15 Itchy 16 Peddle  
17 Ailing 20 Slope 21 Stun



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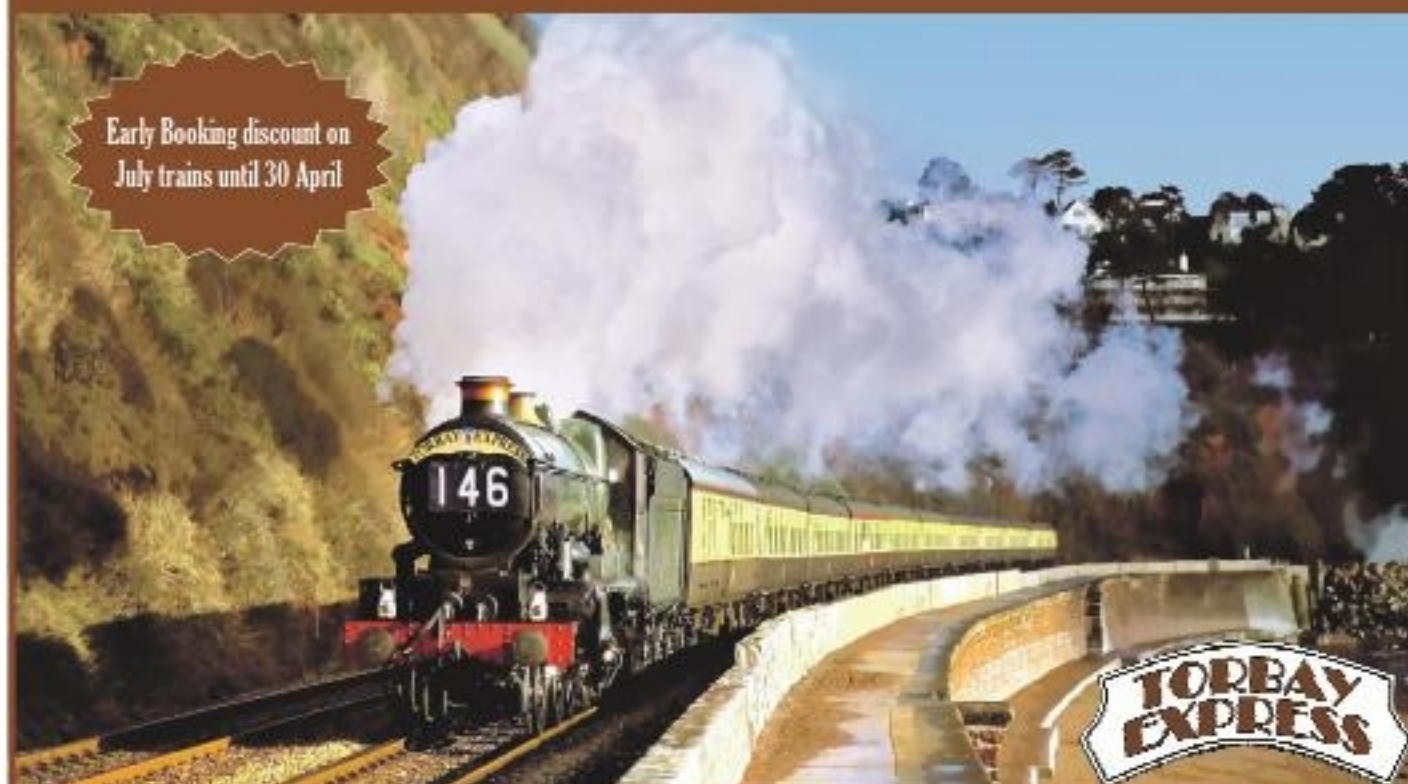
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## Fiat's statement of intent

WHEN you think of good looking Italian cars, you think of the Ferrari Enzo, the Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione and the Maserati Quattroporte. The latest version of the Fiat 500L hits the roads this year with the high hopes that it will join the list.

The new Fiat 500L Beats Edition keeps the chunky off-road tyres and tall stance of the trekking from the previous version, but there is a twist. Everyone loves to give the speakers a blast once in a while, an urge it can satisfy with a subwoofer for powerful, eardrum-bursting bass notes. The simple Bluetooth connection means you can connect up easily.

It has a colour combination of grey, black and red which means the 500L Beats Edition looks young and trendy with the arrogance that someone in their twenties would have. The car stands out from the rest of the other 500L's because of the new colour style and the sleeker smaller shape. It appears

REVIEW: Fiat 500L Beats Edition  
By **James Richings**

like a massive statement of intent by Fiat, who seem to be targeting a younger audience.

The 120-horsepower 1.6 litre diesel engine is quieter than the last version so you can listen to the bass drop, and the tyres are not bad. The semi-winter tyres are a good gift for tackling the icy and snowy roads in the winter.

The boot of the car has a high floor which means boot space is limited, but there is still plenty of room. It looks a bit like BMW's Mini Countryman and Mini Clubman. Although the Mini is more spacious, the new 500L Beats Edition has the up-to-date technology, to make sure drivers enjoy their ride.

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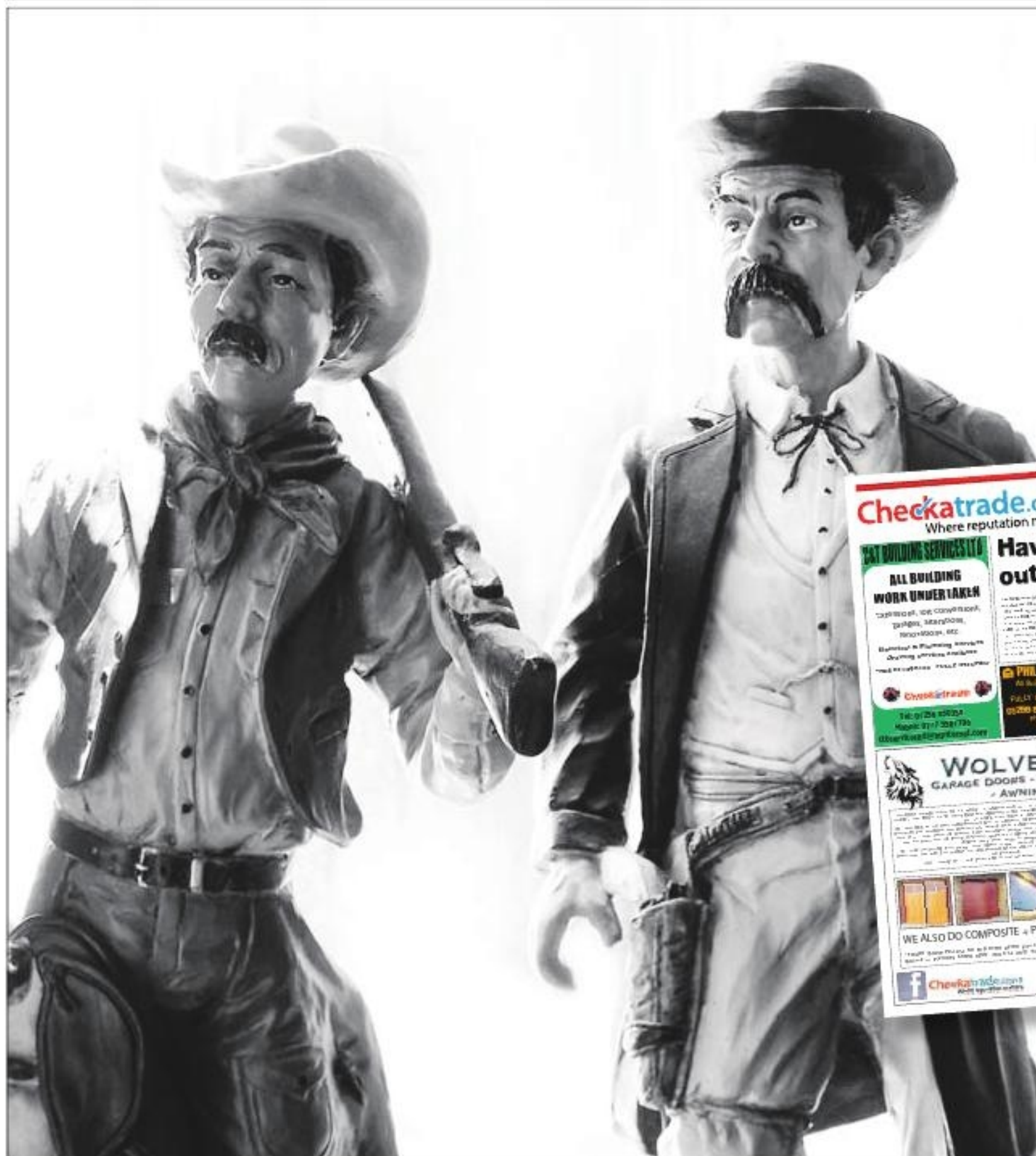
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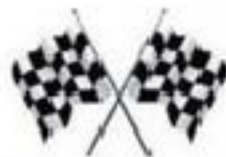
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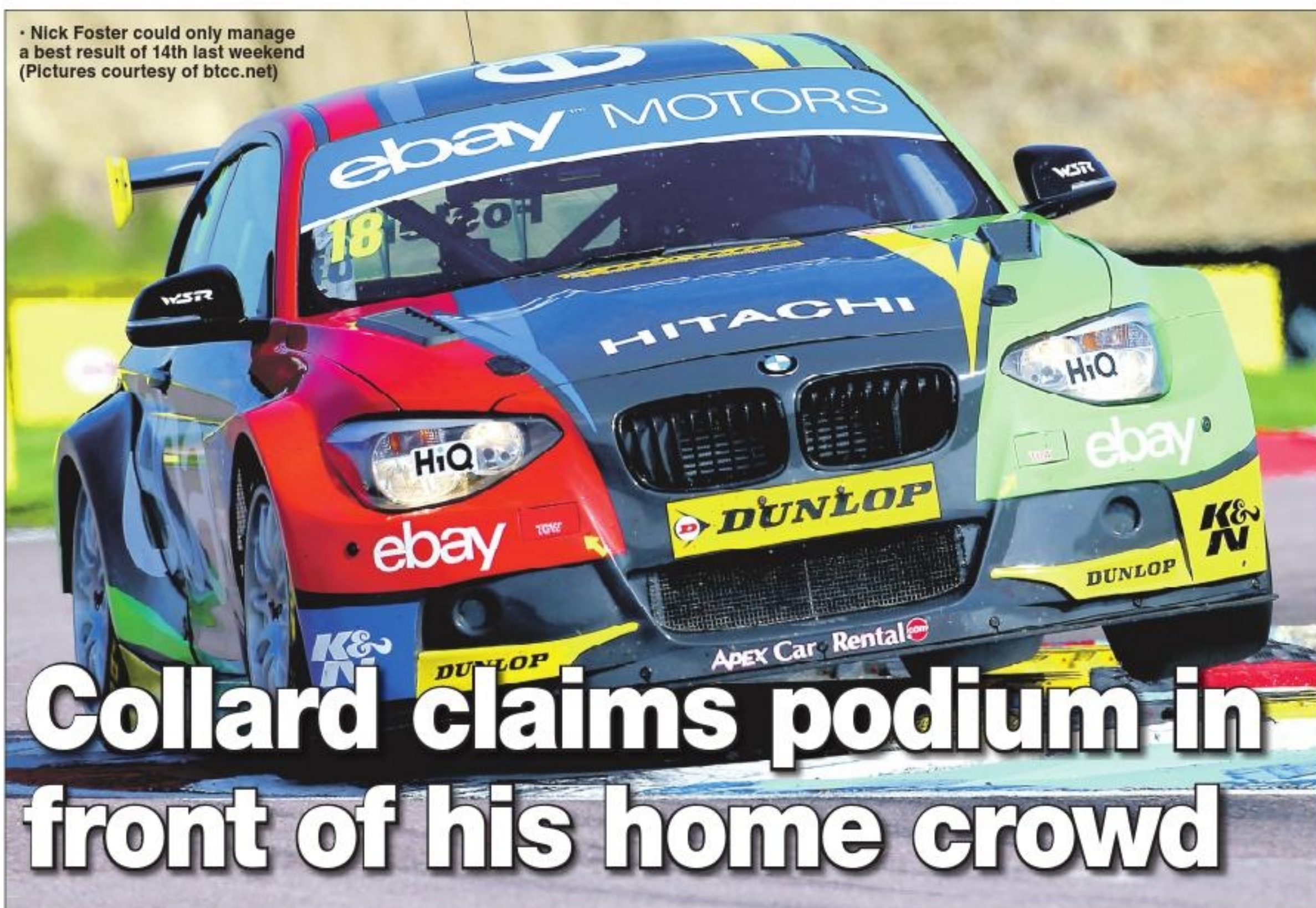
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• Nick Foster could only manage a best result of 14th last weekend (Pictures courtesy of btcc.net)



# Collard claims podium in front of his home crowd



• Rob Collard celebrates his first podium since Knockhill last year

ROB Collard picked up his first British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) podium of the season last Sunday, as he came third in race two at Hampshire's Thruxton circuit.

Collard started fifth and was quickly up to second, where he was challenging reigning champion and first-race winner Andrew Jordan.

The Honda of Gordon Shedden was able to get past soon after, but Collard was able to fend off Matt Neal for the remainder of the race.

As well as his podium, Collard earned a fifth-place finish in race one, before coming 10th in the third race after battling with Shedden and Neal and being forced off-track.

"We got some good points in the first two races, and it was great

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to get a first podium of the year," said Collard.

"But I'm really disappointed in how the weekend finished, as I was hit by a Honda at over 120mph going up the hill to the final chicane, which caused some damage and forced me to run across the corner.

"It's not the way I wanted what had been a strong weekend to finish, but there is a lot for us to take away from my home race."

Race two had to be shortened to just 13 laps out of a scheduled 19, after North Hampshire driver Nick Foster was involved in a dramatic crash with Rob Austin.

It was a disappointing weekend for Foster, as he was only able to collect two points from the weekend by finishing 14th in the first race of the day.

"This has been quite a tough weekend," said Foster. "Race one was okay despite a small mistake early on, and race two was going well until I was hit by Austin."

"I'm just lucky that my BMW was strong and that the end result wasn't a lot worse."

"The car didn't feel perfect in the final race but I got it to the finish, and this is a race day I just need to put behind me."

Collard is back up to sixth in the BTCC standings with 88 points, while Foster is 15th with 27 points.

The next round is at Oulton Park on June 8.

## Sport Bites

### Late strike helps Tadley to senior cup triumph

TADLEY Calvea saw off local rivals AFC Aldermaston as they won the Basingstoke Senior Cup at Barlow's Park last week.

It took until after extra time for Calvea to win 3-2, with Brett Denham scoring the final goal in the first added minute to give Tadley the victory.

The win comes after Calvea enjoyed a strong end to the season in the Wessex First Division, as they finished fifth in the standings with 52 points.

### Wintney beaten in final match

HARTLEY Wintney ended their Combined Counties Premier league campaign seventh in the standings, despite a 2-1 loss to Camberley Town in their final game last Saturday.

Wintney finished the season with 65 points, five behind sixth-placed Windsor and 39 adrift of champions South Park.

The club had reached the final qualifying round of the FA Cup for the first time in their history earlier in the season, and showed a marked improvement on their league performance from last year.

### Winning start for 'Stoke cricketers

BASINGSTOKE and North Hants Cricket Club got their Southern Electric Premier Cricket League Division 1 campaign off to a flying start last Saturday, as they beat Sarisbury Athletic by 109 runs.

Martyn James scored 68 as the best of Basingstoke's batsmen on their way to 221, along with a 37 from Dan Coombs and 25 for Graham Porter.

Sarisbury were bowled out for 112, with David Pistorius and Mathew Thankachan taking three wickets apiece.

### Consistent Rose in top five finish

JUSTIN Rose recorded his second top-10 PGA Tour finish in as many weeks, as he came fifth at the Wells Fargo Championship last weekend.

Rounds of 69, 67, 71 and 71 gave Rose a final score of 10 under par, four shots behind American winner J.B. Holmes.

Rose remains 10th in the world golf rankings following the result.

## Sullivan moves on but Connolly stays with the Herd for another year

BASINGSTOKE Bison have announced that 19-year-old defender Zach Sullivan has left the club to join the Braehead Clan in the Elite Ice Hockey League.

Sullivan had been with Bison for the past two seasons, and

has previously appeared for the Great Britain under-20s side.

The news came after the Herd revealed that 20-year-old forward Aaron Connolly has resigned for the club.

Connolly scored 20 league goals last year, and despite

attracting offers from other English Ice Hockey Premier League teams, has decided to remain with Bison.

Player-coach Doug Sheppard said: "I am really pleased to have Aaron back for another season."

"I was really pleased he scored 20 goals last season as this was because he played a bigger role on this team, which he will continue to do."

Speaking about Sullivan, Sheppard added: "He is a great young defenceman, who now wants to

go on and play at a higher level, where I hope his undoubted skills will shine."

"I'd like to thank Zach for all his efforts over the past two seasons with the Bison, and wish him all the best for the future."

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## Basingstoke ready to challenge for silverware at Fratton Park

# DRAGONS SET FOR COUNTY CUP FINAL

**BASINGSTOKE** Town turn their attentions to the Hampshire Senior Cup final as they face Skril South rivals Havant & Waterlooville on Monday.

Jason Bristow's side, who finished 14th in the league this season, have the chance to claim a bit of silverware at Portsmouth's Fratton Park ground.

The Dragons have played Havant four times this season, twice in the league and FA Trophy.

However, Bristow's side are yet to beat Lee Bradbury's men this season.

"We're hoping to stifle Havant, who we have failed to beat this year," Bristow said.

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"It's going to be a real tough game for us, but one we're really looking forward to."

Town ended the season with a hectic schedule and played nine games in the space of just three weeks.

However, it has been 16 days since the Dragons' kicked a ball in anger and Bristow hopes the break will have benefited his players.

"The break can work one or two ways," he said.

"You can get into your comfort

zone or you can be ready to go again.

"We have still been training so the players have not been able to get into a situation where they feel they have finished the season."

"Havant will be the same, they have played a ridiculous amount of games in recent times, but the rest will do them well and it will be an exciting game."

Meanwhile, it was Basingstoke's awards evening on May 2, with defender David Ray picking up the manager's player of the season trophy.

• Jason Bristow presents David Ray with his award (Picture by Les Chase)



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